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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Group Art 3752 P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the paper mailed 15 April 2005, please enter the following amendments:

The claims and status of the pending claims appears in the listing of claims beginning at page 2.

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